IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Atty. Docket

KEITH ET AL US030489US2

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ELECTRONIC BALLAST WITH OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE REGULATION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following new paragraph before the first paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/528,637, filed December 12, 2003, which the entire subject matter is incorporated herein by reference.